Caste Conflict and Communal Violence

†2790. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA ; Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number ofcasesofcaste-war registered in the country from 1998-99 to till date;

(b)the measures taken by the Government to curb caste-conflict and security; and

(c) the State-wise details of deaths occurred in communal violence alongwith the number of men, women and children belonging to upper castes and lower castes who died in such violence 7

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Since 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise and implement appropriate measures to curb caste/communal tensions/ violence. Accordingly, crime records/details etc. in this regard are not maintained by the Central Government. However, it shares intelligence/ information with the concerned State Governments to enable them to take necessary action and also provide assistance of Central Para Military Forces, wherever required.

Disparity in Pay Scales of Assistant Directors

†2791. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI ; Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what action is being taken by Department of Official Language to remove disparity between the pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 of Assistant Director (Official Language) of Central Official Language Service cadre and the pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500 of Assistant Director (Official Language) of Subordinate Offices;

(b) whether any order has been issued to remove the above disparity; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAM): (a) At present all Assistant Directors (Official Language) are in the scale of pay of Rs. 6500-10500. The Fifth Pay Commission had recommended a scale of pay of Rs. 7500-12000 for 65 Assistant Directors of the Central Secretariat Official Language Service. This recommendation has been accepted and has also been notified by the Government. But this scale has not yet been implemented as the matter regarding giving the same scale to all the Assistant Directors of the Central Secretariat Official Language service is under consideration.

The Officers of the subordinate offices are not included in the Official Language service. The responsibility to take decision regarding their pay scales lies with the concerned Ministry/Department.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Implementation of Official Language Policy

†2792. SHRI BALKAVl BAIRAGI : Will the MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of Departments and Government Undertakings are printing their forms and procedural literature through the private press or in their own departmental printing press only in English rather than printing them bilingually;

(b)whether this is being done in accordance with the Government's Official Language policy; and

(c) if not, the action taken or to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) Rule 11 of the Official Languages Rules, 1976 provides that all forms and procedural literature shall be printed in diglot form. The responsibility of compliance of these rules is that of the administrative head of Ministries/Departments etc. Information in this regard is sent to Department of Official Language through quarterly progressive reports. No information regarding violation of these provisions by Government Department and Undertakings has been received.

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